

REMARKS

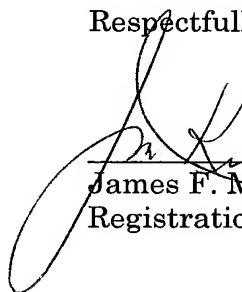
In view of a telephone discussion between the Examiner and the undersigned on February 24, 2009, the foregoing amendments are believed to address the rejections of Claims 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In addition, the amendments to Claim 19 are intended to moot any Bilski issue with respect to the method claims. Reconsideration of the rejections and early allowance are now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #095309.58177US).

Respectfully submitted,

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